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USING MICROSPHERE ARRAYS

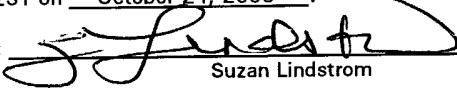


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment. The amendment serves to correct typographical errors and perfect the claim of priority to provisional applications. Support for the amendment is found in the executed Declaration, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At p. 1, line 10, delete "This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S.S.N.s 60/130,089 filed April 20, 1999; 60/135,051, filed May 20, 1999; 60/135,053, filed May